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SUBJECT: NATO FORCE PLANNING DATA BASE (NFPDB)

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1. REQUEST FOR 1975 MAGNETIC TAPES UPDATING GROUND
FORCES DATA TO END 1974 STATUS IS BEING HELD IN
ABEYANCE PENDING RECEIPT OF THE "SAS CODING HANDBOOK"
(PARA 4 OF REF). APPROXIMATELY 90 DAYS WILL BE
REQUIRED TO PREPARE THE REQUESTED INFORMATION UPON
RECEIPT OF HANDBOOK (EXPECTED RECEIPT DATE 1 FEB 75).

2. WE FAVOR A MEETING ON THE SUBJECT OF NATO FORCE
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DATA MANAGEMENT AND ANALYSIS. THE DATA BASE SITUATION

INVOLVES BOTH POLICY AND TECHNICAL QUESTIONS:

A. BEGIN FYI: THE POLICY QUESTION, PRIMARILY RELATING TO DATA RELEASABILITY AND USE, WILL REQUIRE HIGH LEVEL POLICY DECISION. ACCORDINGLY, A POLICY REVIEW IS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY WITHIN DOD WITH THE AIM OF ENHANCING THE QUALITY AND QUANTITY OF DATA RELEASABLE TO NATO FOR PLANNING AND STUDIES. THIS REVIEW WILL NOT BE COMPLETED IN TIME FOR PROJECTED NATO FORCE DATA MANAGEMENT AND ANALYSIS MEETING. END FYI.

B. THE TECHNICAL QUESTION, INVOLVING DATA BASE SUPPORT, STRUCTURE, MAINTENANCE AND DATA AVAILABILITY, REQUIRES THE EXPERTISE OF ADP PERSONNEL. WE BELIEVE IT IS ESSENTIAL TO HAVE MEETING OF NATIONAL DATA BASE EXPERTS ALONG THE LINES SUGGESTED IN REFTEL BEFORE SIGNIFICANTLY MORE RESOURCES ARE EXPENDED ON THE NFPDB. RECOMMEND THAT THE ORGANIZATION CHAIRING THE PROJECTED MEETING PROVIDE EACH NATION INVOLVED WITH AN AGENDA IN SUFFICIENT TIME AND DETAIL FOR NATIONAL AGENCIES TO ASSEMBLE THE REQUIRED INFORMATION AND IDENTIFY THE APPROPRIATE REPRESENTATIVES.

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